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S.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to financial eligibility for the Texas home living (TxHmL)
3 waiver program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.0521 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 32.0521. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR TEXAS HOME LIVING
8 (TxHmL) WAIVER PROGRAM. A person is financially eligible to
9 participate in the Texas home living (TxHmL) waiver program if the
10 person's income is not more than 300 percent of the monthly income
11 limit for eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
12 benefits under 42 U.S.C. Section 1381 et seq.

13 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
14 a state agency determines that a waiver, an amendment to an existing
15 waiver, or another authorization from a federal agency is necessary
16 for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the
17 provision shall request the waiver, amendment to the existing
18 waiver, or other authorization and may delay implementing that
19 provision until the waiver, amendment, or authorization is granted.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.